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SUBJECT: US DEEPWATER PORTS

1. EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES BETWEEN THE US AND GON
HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ON JULY 11 REGARDING
LOOP, A DEEPWATER PORT FACILITY TO BE ESTABLISHED UNDER
THE DEEPWATER PORT ACT OF 1974. CONTENTS OF NORWEGIAN
RESPONSE TO US NOTE REPEATED HEREIN:

EXCELLENCY, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF
YOUR NOTE OF TODAY'S DATE, THE TERMS OF WHICH ARE AS
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FOLLOWS: "I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE DISCUSSIONS
WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR
TWO GOVERNMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
DEEPWATER PORTS OFF THE COAST OF THE UNITED STATES AND
THE JURISDICTIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES
DEEPWATER PORT ACT OF 1974, AND TO CONFIRM THAT THE
TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT VESSELS REGISTERED

IN OR FLYING THE FLAG OF NORWAY AND THE PERSONNEL ON BOARD SUCH VESSELS UTILIZING THE LOUISIANA OFFSHORE OIL PORT (LOOP, INC.), A DEEPWATER PORT FACILITY ESTABLISHED UNDER THE DEEPWATER PORT ACT OF 1974 FOR THE PURPOSES STATED THEREIN SHALL, WHENEVER THEY MAY BE PRESENT WITHIN

THE SAFETY ZONE OF SUCH DEEPWATER PORT, BE SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND NORWAY, ON THE SAME BASIS AS WHEN IN COASTAL PORTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY THAT THIS AGREEMENT SHALL NOT APPLY TO VESSELS REGISTERED IN OR FLYING THE FLAG OF NORWAY MERELY PASSING THROUGH THE SAFETY ZONE OF THE LOUISIANA OFFSHORE OIL PORT WITHOUT CALLING AT OR OTHERWISE UTILIZING THE PORT.

IF THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE, TOGETHER WITH YOUR REPLY THERETO, SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, TO ENTER INTO FORCE UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR REPLY TO THAT EFFECT, AND TO REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL TERMINATED BY SIX MONTHS' WRITTEN NOTICE BY EITHER PARTY TO THE OTHER.

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CONSIDERATION."

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO STATE THAT THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT AGREES TO THIS ARRANGEMENT AND WILL REGARD YOUR NOTE AND THIS REPLY AS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS ON THESE MATTERS.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

WASHINGTON, D.C., JULY 11, 1978. S.CHR. SOMMERFELT.

2. DOT AND STATE NOW HOPEFUL OF RAPIDLY CONCLUDING EXCHANGES OF SIMILAR NOTES WITH UK, DENMARK, AND SWEDEN. IF POSTS INTERPOSE NO OBJECTIONS, ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EXCHANGES WILL BE MADE DIRECTLY WITH EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON. POSTS WILL BE KEPT CURRENT OF RESULTS. CHRISTOPHER

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